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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

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Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11

(Lead Case)

(Jointly Administered)

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**MOTION OF THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS FOR AN ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN
OBJECTION UNDER SEAL**

[No Hearing Requested]

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No. 19-30088 (DM)

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28 The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Creditors’ Committee”) appointed
in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, by its attorneys, Milbank LLP, hereby moves (the

1 “Motion”) for an entry of an order authorizing the Creditors’ Committee to file under seal portions
2 of its objection (the “Objection”) to the Debtors’ *Motion Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363 and 105(a)*
3 *and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004 Authorizing Debtors to Purchase Directors and Officers Insurance*
4 (the “D&O Motion”) [Docket No. 2471], which objection is filed contemporaneously herewith.¹
5 This Motion is further accompanied by the declaration of Gregory A. Bray. In support of the
6 Motion, the Committee respectfully represents as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

8 1. The Creditors’ Committee seeks authority to file portions of its Objection to the
9 Debtors’ D&O Motion under seal. The Creditors’ Committee received materials from the Debtors
10 as part of its diligence into the D&O Motion. The Debtors designated those materials as
11 “confidential” or “highly confidential” pursuant to the *Order Governing Discovery by and Among*
12 *Debtors, Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, and Official Committee of Tort Claimants*
13 entered by the Court on July 1, 2019 (“Protective Order”) [Docket No. 2807]. The Protective
14 Order governs the production, review, disclosure, and handling of any information exchanged by
15 and among the Official Committee of Tort Claimants (the “TCC”), the Creditors’ Committee, and
16 the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases.

17 2. The Creditors' Committee notified the Debtors of its intention to reference in its
18 Objection certain materials that the Debtors had designated as "confidential" and/or "highly
19 confidential" under the Protective Order (the "Designated Materials") and asked whether the
20 Debtors would require that the Creditors' Committee file the Designated Materials under seal.
21 Counsel for the Debtors answered in the affirmative, occasioning this motion.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

23 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334,
24 the *Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges*, General Order 24
25 (N.D. Cal.), and Bankruptcy Local Rule 5011-1(a).

26 ||| 4. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the D&O Motion.

5. The bases for the relief requested in the Motion are §§ 105(a) and 107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9018.

6. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

BACKGROUND

7. The Debtors filed the D&O Motion on June 10, 2019 requesting, among other things, the immediate funding of \$50 million to secure a new D&O insurance policy (the “New Policy”).

8 8. The Creditors' Committee received materials from the Debtors in response to
9 certain requests for information in respect of the D&O Motion, which the Debtors designated as
10 "confidential" or "highly confidential" under the Protective Order. The Objection references
11 certain of those materials. On this basis, the Debtors have informed the Creditors' Committee that
12 it is necessary that the Creditors' Committee file the portions of its objection that reference the
13 Designated Materials under seal.

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

15 9. The Court “may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or
16 appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title.” 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). Under Section 107(b) of
17 the Bankruptcy Code: “On request of a party in interest, the bankruptcy court *shall*, and on the
18 bankruptcy court’s own motion, the bankruptcy court may—(1) protect an entity with respect to a
19 trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information.” 11 U.S.C.
20 § 107(b) (emphasis added).

21 10. The Bankruptcy Rules set forth the requirements to obtain a protective order to file
22 documents under seal. “On motion, or on its own initiative, with or without notice, the court may
23 make any order which justice requires (1) to protect the estate or any entity in respect of a trade
24 secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information.” Fed. R. Bankr.
25 P. 9018. In addition, Civil Local Rule 79-5(e) for the United States District Court for the Northern
26 District of California permits a party to file under seal documents designated as confidential
27 subject to a protective order. The request for seal must be narrowly tailored to sealable materials.
28 Civil Local Rule 79-5(d).

1 11. Because the Creditors' Committee has redacted only the portions of its Objection
2 that reference or are otherwise based upon material that, according to the Debtors, constitute
3 "confidential" or "highly confidential" information, the relief requested herein falls within the
4 scope of 107(b) and the other authorities cited above. The Court should grant the Creditors'
5 Committee's request.

CONCLUSION

7 Based on all of the foregoing, the Creditors' Committee respectfully requests that the Court
8 grant the Motion and allow the Creditors' Committee to file under seal those portions of its
9 Objection that reference or are based upon the Designated Materials.

10 DATED: July 2, 2019

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